

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION



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September 29, 2020

Ms. Jayme Stevenson
First Selectman
Darien Town Hall
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, Connecticut 06820

Dear First Selectman Stevenson:

Subject: Virtual Public Information Meeting Confirmation

Project No. 0301-0195

Darien Railroad Station Improvements

Town of Darien

This is to confirm with your office the scheduling of a Virtual Public Information Meeting to be presented by the Department of Transportation (Department) concerning the subject project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 p.m. Instructions on how to access the meeting and other details will be found at the project webpage:

http://portal.ct.gov/DOTDarien0301-0195

A copy of the Notice of Public Information Meeting, which contains a brief description of the proposed project, is transmitted herewith. Prior to the scheduled meeting, a member of the DOT project team will also provide the Town of Darien with a copy of the project display materials for posting to the Town of Darien website.

Also enclosed for your distribution to interested parties, is a copy of the Public Information Meeting display ad, which will be published in the Stamford Advocate on October 7th and October 14th.

If you would like to participate in introducing the meeting on the evening of the event (generally by call-in) or have any questions or comments regarding this project, please contact Yure Kuljis at Yure.Kuljis@ct.gov.

Very truly yours,

Contact Info: john.bernick@ct.gov

John E. Bernick, P. E. Assistant Rail Administrator

Bureau of Public Transportation

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Edward L Gentile Jr., Director of Public Works

#### PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

The Department of Transportation (Department) will conduct a Virtual Public Information Meeting concerning the proposed Darien Railroad Station Improvements on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be live streamed via Microsoft Teams Live Event and YouTube Live. A Question and Answer session will immediately follow the presentation. The presentation will be recorded. Instructions on how to access the meeting and on how to provide comments or ask questions can be found at the project webpage:

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The live stream of the formal presentation will begin 7:00 p.m.

The project is identified as State Project No. 0301-0195.

The purpose of the project is to address the current structural deficiencies at the stations platforms and bring the rest of the station into a state of good repair. The project will be performing a complete replacement of all platform sections with electric-heated fiber-reinforced polymer transit panels. The new platform will be designed in conformance with building, Americans with Disabilities Act and all applicable standards and codes. Appurtenances such as lighting, handrails, recycling centers, etc., will be evaluated and replaced or upgraded as needed. The elevators located on the north and south side of the station will be rehabilitated. The station's existing grounding and bonding system will be replaced utilizing the Department of Transportation's newly developed standard. In addition to the work on the platforms, the four catenary structures within the limits of the project will be demolished and replaced.

Right-of-way impacts associated with the proposed project are not anticipated

Construction is anticipated to begin in Winter 2021 based on the availability of funds and approval of permit(s). The estimated construction cost for this project is approximately \$ 34,000,000 million. This project is anticipated to be undertaken with Federal Funds and State funds.

The public informational meeting is being held to provide the public and local community the opportunity to offer comments or ask questions regarding the proposed project. Persons with limited internet access may request that project information is mailed to them by contacting Yure Kuljis by email at Yure.Kuljis@ct.gov. (Allow one week for processing and delivery.)

Individuals with limited internet access can listen to the meeting by calling Toll-Free 1-888-566-6583 and entering the Participant Code when prompted: 4566483. Persons with hearing and/or speech disabilities may dial 711 for Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS). The MS Teams Live Event offers closed captioning for the hearing impaired and non-English translation options. A recording of the formal presentation will be posted to YouTube following the event and closed captioning (including non-English translation options) will be available at that time. The recording will also be available in the list of DOT virtual public meetings https://portal.ct.gov/dot/general/CTDOT-VPIM-Library

Visit the project webpage for options for Apple users. During the Q&A session and the 14-day comment period that follows the meeting, individuals may leave a question or comment via email

(preferred) at <u>DOTProject0301-0195@ct.gov</u>. Individuals may also leave a voicemail question or comment by calling (860) 944-1111. Please reference the project in your voicemail.

Language assistance may be requested by contacting the Department's Language Assistance Call Line (860) 594-2109. Requests should be made at least 5 business days prior to the meeting. Language assistance is provided at no cost to the public and efforts will be made to respond to timely requests for assistance.

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### VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING State Project No. 0301-0195

# Darien Railroad Station Improvements [Darien, Connecticut]

Residents, commuters, business owners, and other interested individuals are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about and discuss the proposed project.

Please join us on Wednesday, October 21, 2020

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